

Dear DCA High School Parents/Guardians:

We are happy to announce that during the 2019-20 school year, all high school students will be issued a Chromebook for educational use at school and possibly at home. The Chromebooks will be treated like a textbook and students will be issued devices at the start of the year for the entirety of their high school career at DCA. The Chromebook will then be a graduation gift from DCA when they graduate from DCA.

Danville Christian Academy is committed to preparing students for success in school and beyond. Part of this preparation includes making sure students are exposed to technology and taught how to use technology appropriately. Providing individual devices that they are responsible for operating and maintaining will equip students with 21st Century Skills including collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity. Nearly all career paths require using tools to communicate and collaborate. Students who are encouraged to use technology as a part of their learning demonstrate greater engagement and motivation. Additional benefits of digital learning include personalized learning, extended learning time, equitable access to learning resources, and college and career readiness.

Training and information will be disseminated to parents and students throughout the school year. Additionally, a parent informational night will be held early in the school year to share information and answer questions.

Below is additional information on the 1:1 Chromebook Project:

How will my student get started with the new Chromebook?

- Ensure Chromebook device is charged. Chromebook should be charged for 3 hours before using it in battery mode for the first time.
- When you open the Chromebook, it will ask you to sign in. Use your student's dca email ([first.last@dca.ky.org](mailto:first.last@dca.ky.org)) address and password to log in.

What are my child's responsibilities with the Chromebook?

- Students assigned individual Chromebooks are expected to carry the device with them throughout their school day. The Chromebook should be treated with care and charged nightly and as frequently as possible to maximize battery life. Any Chromebook damage or loss should be reported to the school library technician immediately to facilitate a timely replacement.

Are the Chromebooks filtered for content?

- Yes. The district uses filtering to ensure all Chromebooks are filtered for content both on campus and off.

Can my child have to bring the Chromebook home?

- Yes. Your child can take the Chromebook home if insurance is taken out on the device. If not insured the device will be checked in and out each day with Mrs. Howard in Lab 103.

What if my child breaks or loses their Chromebook?

- Students and their families assume financial liability for individually assigned Chromebooks. Similar to textbooks, if a Chromebook is damaged or lost while assigned to an individual student, that student must repay the cost of repairs or the replacement cost. The cost for total replacement of a single Chromebook is currently about \$250.

Is there a Chromebook insurance option for families?

- DCA will have insurance options available for the devices. The insurance includes extended warranty, accidental damage (cracked screens & spills), lost (unexplained lost, theft, robbery, or burglary), perils (power surge, fire, flood, or natural disasters) and vandalism. There is no deductible on the coverage or limit on claims. The insurance will be available in 1-4 year terms. The cost of plans are below.

1 year	\$50.00
2 years	\$90.00
3 years	\$125.00
4 years	\$150.00

What if I do not have internet at home for my child?

- Chromebooks do not come with a dedicated internet connection. Chromebooks are able to sign in to most open WiFi networks, including those at coffee shops and libraries. They also have the capability of saving work to be used offline.

What training will my child receive to learn how to handle their Chromebook?

- Digital citizenship is the term we use to describe the skills and behaviors we want students to show when using technology and the internet. DCA will be implementing the curriculum into normal student instruction.